Security Council's view on India's nuclear policy

2711. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's reservations on the discriminatory nature of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty and on a clear definition on what constitutes collective security were totally ignored by the Security Council declaration at the summit meeting of the 15 Security Council members;

(b) if so, whether the Security Council is not accommodating India's view in this regard; and

(c) is so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) The Prime Minister reiterated Inida's principled position on the question of nuclear non-proliferation. He emphasized that the Security Council could deal with the threats to peace emanating from the proliferation of nuclear weapons only by following a global approach and within the framework of a new international consensus on non-proliferation for a universal, comprehensive and non-discriminatory regime linked to the goal of complete elimination of nuclear weapons. He also made it quite clear in his address that the statement by the President of the Security Council did not reflect India's crucial concerns on this question.

Loss of land due to changing course by river Gandak

2712. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the Gandak river changing its course over the years, thousands of acres of Indian territory in West Champaran have been lost to Nepal; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Our surveys in the past reveal that the Gandak river has changed its bed frequently and sometimes even cut entirely new channels.

There is now a need for conducting a new survey in this area. The extent of area involved would be known after the completion of survey work. However, according to Government of Bihar the area involved is more than 5 thousand acres.

We have had discussions on this subject with the Government of Nepal in the past. The Indo-Nepal Joint Technical Level Boundary Committee Meeting is expected to be held in New Delhi during the period 16-19 March, 1992 and during the course of which this sector will come up for discussions.

Indian land occupied by Nepal

2713. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indo-Nepal Sugauli Treaty had accepted mid-river of river Gandak as International border between the two countries;

(b) whether it is a fact that in violation of this treaty, Nepal has forcefully occupied six thousand acres of land in West Champaran (Bihar); and

(c) if so, what steps Government is taking to settle the issue?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) The Indo-Nepal boundary is primarily based on the Treaty of Segauli (1815), subsequent Memorandum of 1916 as amended and confirmed by the treaty of 1860 between the British Government and his Majesty's Government of Nepal and on subsequent Agreements, Jointly Agreed Maps and Rubkars. As for the stretch of India-Nepal boundary from Tribeni Ghat to the tri-junction of the district Maharajganj (UP), West Champaran (Bihar) and Nepal, the Gandak river has changed its bed frequently and sometimes even cut entirely new channels, leading to confusion. The Government of Bihar have stated that the area involved in this sector could be more than 5 thousnad acres.

Government of India have had this

matter under discussion with the Government of Nepal. In this regard, the 13th Meeting of the Indo-Nepal Joint Technical Level Boundary Committee is expected to be held in New Delhi on 16-19 March, 1992. The matters relating to Indo-Nepal boundary will come up for discussions during the course of this meeting.

Violation of human rights in Sri Lanka

2714. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that violation of human rights in Sri Lanka like killings, illegal arrest and detention, torture and abuse of powers and curb on human liberty is taking place; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to intitiate any move for the Human Rights Commission to visit Sri Lanka to prevent such violation of human rights in that country?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Government are aware of reports by international human rights organisations such as Amnesty International on the human rights situation in Sri Lanka. This is under continuous review by the United Nations Human Rights Commission. At its recent Session the Human Rights Commission has called upon the Sri Lanka Government to intensify its efforts to ensure full protection of human rights.

Discussions with Pakistan Prime Minister

2715. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pakistan Prime Minister Md. Nawaz Sharif's call for a nationwide strike to observe solidarity with the people of Kashmir is not an attempt for interfering in India's internal affairs; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard especially in the wake of recent discussions between the two Prime Ministers about Indo-Pak relations at Davos?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have conveyed to the Government of Pakistan their concern and regret that the Prime Minister of Pakistan has associated himself with actions and statements designed to inflame public opinion and which constitute a blatant interference in India's internal affairs. Government have further conveyed to the Government of Pakistan that the statement of the Prime Minister of Pakistan is not in keeping with the spirit of his recent discussions with our Prime Minister in Davos and raises doubts about Pakistan's sincerity with regard to efforts being made by the two countries to reduce tensions and build mutual trust and confidence.

पारपत्र कार्यालय को शास्त्री भवन से हटा कर किसी अन्य स्थान पर ले जाया जाना

2716. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय:** क्या **विदेश** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार पारपत्र कार्यालय को शास्त्री भवन, नई दिल्ली से हटा कर किसी अन्य स्थान पर ले जाने के किसी प्रस्ताव पर विचार कर रही है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री माधवसिंह सोलंकी): (क) और (ख) क्षेत्रीय पासपोर्ट कार्यालय के लिए वैकल्पिक स्थान के प्रश्न पर कुछ समय से विचार किया जा रहा है। विदेश मंत्रालय और शहरी विकास मंत्रालय के बीच बातचीत के बाद यह फैसला किया गया है कि उपयुक्त प्रबंध हो जाने के बाद क्षेत्रीय पासपोर्ट कार्यालय को इसके मौजूदा परिसर से स्थानांतरित कर दिया जाएगा। इन प्रबन्धों का ब्यौरा शहरी विकास मंत्रालय के परामर्श से तैयार किया जा रहा है।

भारत-पाक सीमा पर संयुक्त रूप से गश्त लगाया जाना

2717. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय:** क्या **विदेश** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पाकिस्तान के विदेश सचिव ने हाल ही में भारत-पाक सीमा पर बाड़ लगाने के बजाए सीमा पर संयुक्त रूप से गश्त लगाये जाने का प्रस्ताव किया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस पर भारत सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?